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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON DEALINGS WITH REFERENCES TO CERDS

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1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING UP INITIAL PRESENTATION TO CALAMIA
(MFA OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR EC, GATT, INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS),
EMBOFF DISCUSSED CONSULTATION ON CERDS AND NIEO WITH MFA
OFFICE DIRECTOR MINGAZZINI (MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS), ON
JUNE 17. DESPITE INITIAL IMPRESSION THAT US POSITION TOO
NEGATIVE AND STRESSING NEED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION, MINGAZZINI
AGREED THAT CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE POTENTIALLY USEFUL IN DEALING
WITH G-77 END SUMMARY.

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2. PREFACING DISCUSSION OF POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL (A)

(RELEVANT POINTS PRESENTED AS AIDE MEMOIRE), MINGAZZINI NOTED THAT GOI WILL MAINTAIN ITS PREVIOUS NEGATIVE POSITION ON SUBSTANTIVE REFERENCES TO CERDS AND NIEO WHILE CONTINUING TO ACCEPT MINOR AND INNOCUOUS REFERENCES OR CITATIONS OF THOSE PARTS OF THE NIEO, SUCH AS THE INDUSTRIALIZATION SECTION, WHICH THE GOI HAS FORMALLY ACCEPTED. THE OVERRIDING GOI PREFERENCE IS TO WORK WITH THE G-77 TO ELIMINATE THE UNDESIRABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS IN BOTH THE NIEO AND CERDS. EMBOFF AGREED THAT THIS WAS ULTIMATELY DESIRABLE AND NOTED THAT THE US INITIATIVE DID NOT IMPLY AN EFFORT TO CHANGE THE ITALIAN POSITION ON CERDS OR NIEO, BUT AN EFFORT TO COORDINATE POSITIONS WHERE THEY WERE IN AGREEMENT AND TO FORGE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE A UNITED FRONT DESIGNED TO PROTECT OUR PREVIOUSLY-EXPRESSED POSITIONS.

3. MINGAZZINI SAID THAT HIS INITIAL IMPRESSION HAD BEEN THAT THE US PROPOSALS WERE TOO NEGATIVE AND OVERLY COMPLEX. SPECIFICALLY, ITALY WOULD BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT A "BLANKET DECLARATION" WHICH HE TERMED "CONFRONTATIONAL". NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID THAT THE GOI WAS CERTAINLY WILLING TO DISCUSS ELEMENTS OF A JOINT POSITION AND TIMING. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE OECD MIGHT SERVE AS AN LOCUS FOR DISCUSSIONS.

4. COMMENT: THE GOI WILL BE ANXIOUS TO MINIMIZE ANY CONCERHED POSITION WHICH SMACKS OF CONFRONTATION WITH THE LDC'S; THEY WILL BE RECEPTIVE TO FORMULATIONS WHICH DEMONSTRABLY LESSEN SUCH PROBLEMS. DESPITE AN INITIAL TENDANCY TO SEE THE US INITIATIVE AS AN ATTEMPT TO FURTHER HARDEN DC POSITIONS WITH RESPECT TO THEHCERDS AND NIEO ISSUES, THE GOI APPEARS WILLING TO ENGAGE IN JOINT CONSULTATIONS. VOLPE
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